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Dear Parent, Family Member, or Guardian:

You are invited to volunteer to participate in a survey that will be used to provide information to programs, states, and the federal government about families' perspectives on their participation in early intervention. This survey has been developed by the National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring (NCSEAM), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs. The Center is directed by Dr. Alan Coulter of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

The survey you are being asked to complete has some items that have to do with program efforts to create meaningful partnerships with parents and families. Others have to do with the services provided to children and families. Still others have to do with the ways in which parents and families are involved in the early intervention process. You will be asked to read each item and choose the response that best expresses your opinion about the item.

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. If you agree to complete the survey, you can skip any items to which you do not want to respond. You will be asked for your child's age, the age of your child when he/she began to receive early intervention services, your child's ethnicity, and the state in which you live. However, you will not be asked for any information that could identify you or your child personally.

Data from this survey will be used to describe the current performance of early intervention in your state. The results of this survey for your state will be reported to the public and the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs.

Knowing how parents and families respond to the items on this survey is very important. It will help to involve parents and families in the early intervention accountability system. The ultimate goal of this project is to improve accountability for services for infants and toddlers, and their families who receive early intervention.

If you have any questions concerning this survey, you may contact either the project representative, Dr. Lisa L. Persinger, or Dr. Alan Coulter of the National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring, using the telephone number or website contact information for NCSEAM listed on the top of this letter.

Thank you for your time.